

Senate File 188 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the possession of pistols and revolvers by
2 persons under fourteen years of age.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.22, subsection 5, Code 2017, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. A parent, or guardian, or spouse who is twenty-one years
4 of age or older, of a person ~~fourteen years of age but less than~~
5 below the age of twenty-one may allow the person to possess a
6 pistol or revolver or the ammunition therefor for any lawful
7 purpose while under the direct supervision of the parent, or
8 guardian, or spouse who is twenty-one years of age or older, or
9 while the person receives instruction in the proper use thereof
10 from an instructor twenty-one years of age or older, with the
11 consent of such parent, guardian, or spouse.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 Under this bill, a parent or guardian or spouse who is 21
16 years of age or older, or another with the consent of the
17 minor's parent or guardian or spouse who is 21 years of age
18 or older, may allow a person below 21 years of age to possess
19 a pistol or revolver or the ammunition therefor, while under
20 supervision, which then may be lawfully used.

21 Current law allows a parent, guardian, or spouse who is 21
22 years of age or older, of a person at least 14 years of age
23 but below 21 years of age, to possess a pistol or revolver or
24 the ammunition therefor, while under supervision, which may
25 lawfully be used. However, current law prohibits a parent
26 or guardian or spouse who is 21 years of age or older from
27 allowing a person under 14 years of age from possessing a
28 pistol or revolver or the ammunition.

29 Except for the circumstances under Code section 724.22(4)
30 (security personnel) or this bill, a person who sells, loans,
31 gives, or makes available a pistol or revolver or ammunition
32 for a pistol or revolver to a person below the age of 21 commits
33 a serious misdemeanor for a first offense and a class "D"
34 felony for second and subsequent offenses.

35 The bill does not address a rifle or shotgun but current law

1 does allow a parent, guardian, or spouse who is 18 years of age
2 or older, or another with the express consent of the minor's
3 parent or guardian or spouse who is 18 years of age or older may
4 allow a minor to possess a rifle or shotgun or the ammunition
5 therefor which may be lawfully used. A serious misdemeanor is
6 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
7 of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875. A class "D" felony
8 is punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a
9 fine of at least \$750 but not more than \$7,500.